Permission to Immigrants for Going Back to UAE

1230. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Indians who were recently deported from UAE, as illegal immigrants, have been permitted by the United Arab Emirate authorities to come back to UAE after obtaining the required emigration documents;

(b) if so, the number of people who have since gone back to UAE with proper documents; and

(c) whether inquiries have been made into the matter, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The UAE Government has not placed any restriction on the return of Indian workers who left UAE last year, on account of their illegal status. However, to re-enter UAE they are required to hold valid passports and visas.

(b) and (c) The actual number of Indians, out of those who returned from UAE, who have gone back to UAE cannot be estimated as they are not required to identify themselves as returnees either at the time of exit from India or report to Indian Embassy, Abu Dhabi or the Consulate General of India, Dubai on arrival in UAE.

Deceased Army Officials of UN Force

1231. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian army officers and men have so far laid their lives since inception of UN Peace-Keeping Forces, while participating in operation of such forces;

(b) the number of officers and men of Indian Armed Forces are at present on the UN Peace-Keeping assignments; and

(c) whether the dependents of Indian Armed Forces personnel who die on UN Peace-Keeping duties are paid comparatively much smaller amounts as compensation for life or major physical impairment then that paid to army officers of other countries on UN assignments; if so, the steps have been and are being taken to obtain fair compensation for the Indian personnel?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) 90 officers and men of the Indian Army have so far laid their lives in UN Peace Keeping Operations since inception.

(b) As on 12.2.1997, 1120 officers and men of Indian Armed Forces are deployed in United Nations Peace-Keeping Operations. These include 120 officers, 53 Junior Commissioned Officers and 947 Other Ranks.

(c) The UN scales of Death and Disability Benefits to troops engaged io UN Peace Keeping Operations are based on national allowances admissible in the country of origin. The Government have liiken up with UN the question of applying uniform UN scale of compensation for death and disability, irrespective of nationality of troops.

Germany's support to India for Permanent Membership in Security Council

1232. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Germany has recently of fered to support India for becoming as permanent member in the UN Security Council;

(b) if so, the other nuclear-powers, permanent and non-permanent members of the Security Council and other mem bers of the UN, so far indicated their